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News Release

NASHUA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SELLING COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

CONCORD, NH—United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 33-year-old Gilmar Miranda pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Concord to selling counterfeit identification documents.

Miranda, who lived in Nashua, pleaded guilty to selling a counterfeit resident alien card, also known as a "green card," and a counterfeit social security card to an individual who was cooperating with federal agents. He was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents on July 28, 2005.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2006. Miranda is facing a maximum possible sentence of 15 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. The court ordered that Miranda be detained until his sentencing hearing.

This case is being investigated by ICE of the Department of Homeland Security. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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